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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR DEPT REPRESENTATION IN COLLINS CASE

REF: (A) PARIS 33924; (B) STATE 756

WE APPRECIATE DEPT'S ENDORSEMENT OF OUR HANDLING OF COLLINS CASE TO DATE. WHILE WE WILL CERTAINLY USE AUTHORIZATION TO SAY CASE IS RAISED UNDER INSTRUCTIONS, WE BELIEVE THAT HAVING DISCUSSED IT TWICE WITH MLADENOV WITH AS YET NO VISIBLE RESULT, IT IS NOW APPROPRIATE TO RAISE THE MATTER ALSO IN WASHINGTON, PREFERABLY WELL AHEAD OF THE CASE-BY-CASE REVIEW BY MLADENOV WHICH IS TO TAKE PLACE "TOWARD THE MIDDLE OF THE MONTH." WE THEREFORE SUGGEST THAT DEPT, PERHAPS AT THE DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY LEVEL, CALL IN AMBASSADOR POPOV TO MAKE CLEAR THAT THIS MATTER, WHICH GOB COULD DISPOSE OF EASILY AND QUICKLY, AND INDEED IS OBLIGATED UNDER THE ACT OF HELSINKI TO DO, HAS THE POTENTIAL OF BECOMING A NEEDLESS BUT SIGNIFICANT IRRITANT IN OUR RELATIONS. (THERE COULD BE A QUALIFIER SUCH AS THAT MRS. COLLINS MIGHT BE GUILTY OF CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES OF WHICH WE ARE UNAWARE, BUT FACT THAT SHE IS GRADUATE OF STUDIES

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IN HIGHER MATHEMATICS WOULD HARDLY JUSTIFY DENIAL OF

HER RIGHT TO JOIN HER HUSBAND--UNLESS, PERCHANCE, SHE
WAS INVOLVED IN RECENT TECHNOLOGICAL BREAKTHROUGH
IN WEAPONS RESEARCH, SOMETHING THAT NOBODY HAS
CLAIMED AND WHICH AS FAR AS WE KNOW IS QUITE UNLIKELY
TO BE THE CASE.) POINT MIGHT ALSO BE MADE THAT
REASONABLE "REPAYMENT" BY MRS. COLLINS FOR THE
TRAINING SHE RECEIVED IN BULGARIA HAS NEVER BEEN
AT ISSUE AND THAT, TO OUR KNOWLEDGE, SHE HAS
COMPLIED WITH EVERY REASONABLE REQUIREMENT TO
PERMIT HER DEPARTURE.
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